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This is a response to the non-final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 29, 2005 ("Office Action") for the above-identified application ("Application"). In view of the following Remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the Application and claims are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.